

Reisterstown Improvement Association, Inc.
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Meeting Agenda – August 26, 2026, 7:00 PM

2026 Officers:

President - David Binette
Vice President - Charlie Hoppa
Secretary - Brianna Chamberlain
Treasurer – Stephen Morgan
Past President - Herb Weiss

Main Street Manager:

Crystal Micriotti

2026 Board Members:

Dan Carey
Emory Young
Joe Heathcock
Kathy Gambrill
Leslie Webster
Mary Molinaro
Pat Gordon
Pat McCusker
Robert Reynolds
William Robinson
Yolanda Gregory

“Build a Better Main Street with the Reisterstown Improvement Association”

1. Call to order
 - a. 7:05p – RIA President David Binette calls the meeting to order.
2. Introductions of those attending this evening.
 - a. In attendance were: Kim Shiloh, Brianna Chamberlain, Sen. Ben Brooks, Mike Muth, Pat Gordon, Herb Weiss, Charlie Hoppa, Mike Ruby, Yolanda Gregory, Kathy Gambrill, Alonza Williams, Mark Douglas, Jessica Barron, Shela Hurlburt, Ofc Willis, Bob Reynolds, Kim Reynolds, Mary Molinaro, David Binette, Cpl. Clements, Ruben Amaya, Jonathan Young, Emory Young, Del. Jennifer White-Holland and Julie, Vanessa Powell, Daryl T., Kristin Mears, Lisa Badart, Crystal Micriotti, Representative for Scott Phillips, Nelson Brown, Ofc. Meyers, Ofc. Steve Iman, and Ofc. Thomas.
3. Review of minutes from last meeting
 - a. 7:09 – Mary Molinaro makes a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. RIA Vice President Charlie Hoppa seconds, and the motion passes unanimously at 7:09pm.
4. President’s Comment
 - a. Please sign in
5. The Franklin Precinct Police Report – Welcome to Captain Mal Grantham and team.
 - a. 7:09 – Corporal Clements takes the mic and shares there has been an uptick in theft *from*, and theft *of* vehicles. Some have been recovered, some have not. She recommends residents always lock cars and hide valuables from view through the windows. She further notes that the summer has been busy with many events, including the still-upcoming series of ten Community Conversations, each with a different theme. Residents who wish to attend must register for the event, and she will be taking part in the second one, coming up in Reisterstown.
 - b. Cpl. Clements notes that September 20th will feature a large car wash fundraiser at the Senior Center, with funds raised to be used to send their Safety Cadets to California to take part in a competition. They can only afford to send some of the 28 14-18 year olds in the program, and it costs approximately \$2,700 per person for registration fees,

airfare, lodging, and meals. Many of these youth have never before been on an airplane, and ideally they would also like to enable the youth to see other California-specific excitements while there. Flyers on the back table have a QR code allowing anyone who is interested to donate.

- c. Mike Ruby asks about a shortage of crossing guards at Baltimore schools, and Cpl. Clements confirms that uniforms are willing to help as needed.

6. The Main Street Manager's Report - Crystal Micriotti

- a. 7:15 – Main Street Manager Crystal Micriotti begins her Main Street Manager Report. See below for a copy of her full report. Mary Molinaro additionally notes that the people running the Reisterstown Festival are seeking volunteers. Crystal Micriotti additionally recognizes Jonathan Young as Volunteer of the Year upon noticing him in attendance. On her urging, Jonathan stands and receives applause from the assembly. The Main Street Manager report concludes at 7:20.

7. Tonight's Speaker(s)

- a. The District 10 Unity Team

- i. 7:21 – Sen. Ben Brooks and Delegate White-Holland approach the microphone.

- 1. Sen. Ben Brooks discusses some positives from the year, including the passing of 13 bills relating to gas station conversion tax credits, easing school enrollment for military families, dealing with invasive tree species, healthcare providers, etc. He is saving most discussion for the Power Hour tomorrow, taking place from 5-7pm at the Randallstown Resource Center. However, he notes information about data centers, mentioning Baltimore County's moratorium and how data centers are necessary but that there must be some regulations.
 - 2. 7:27 – Delegate White-Holland notes that the Maryland General Assembly had a special session about redistricting, and a bill that would include a constitutional referendum on the November ballot was advanced. There are still discussions and special sessions to come to determine whether it will appear on the November ballot. Delegate White-Holland shares future foci, including continuing the prescription drug affordability efforts she has championed over the past few years. She will be putting forth a proposal in 2027 to model the federal pilot that set upper payment limits on 25 drugs, and bring that model to Maryland.
 - 3. 7:31 – Delegate White-Holland invites Neal Carter to speak on behalf of the Black Caucus. Neal shares information on additional bills that passed, including the Community Trust Act and immigration reform, as well as how BPW handles procurement. He is most proud of the passing of the Legacy Protection Program, designed to protect inherited generational property.
 - 4. 7:33 – Mike Ruby asks Del. White-Holland for an update on her little one. She is now 13 months old and healthy.
 - 5. 7:33 – RIA President David Binette asks Sen. Ben Brooks for clarification on the data center moratorium, and Kim Shiloh shares the moratorium is good for one year, but it may be extended.
 - 6. 7:36 – Mike Ruby asks about a map he saw circulating that showed where data centers may be put, which begins brief additional discussion on data centers and the states that have heavily invested in them. Sen.

Ben Brooks notes that it is a problem that we will find a solution for, but right now we need to make sure the legislation can catch up with the technology.

7. RIA Vice President Charlie Hoppa asks about how we can increase the energy created in MD and also support data centers, which begins a discussion about the importance of generating energy. Sen. Ben Brooks mentions the research into Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) and their potential for energy creation.
8. 7:47 – Sen. Ben Brooks thanks the community for its support and kindness after his wife’s passing on June 15th.

8. New Business/Announcements:

a. Local Legislators’ announcements/comments:

- i. 7:49 – RIA Main Street Manager notes that ROG (Reisterstown, Owings Mills, Glyndon) is holding a candidate forum on Sept 14th at 6pm, and that the Chartley Crab Feast is October 10th. Before Oct. 3, tickets are \$60, then they will increase to \$70. It is a fundraiser for the two scholarships they give to high school seniors living in Chartley.
- ii. 7:52 – A representative for Councilman Julian Jones notes that the 14th annual Community Picnic will take place this Saturday, and more details can be found on the Councilman’s website. He also notes they have been receiving many calls about speed bumps being ineffective in Glyndon, so they are putting a moratorium on installing new speed bumps until effectiveness can be confirmed.

b. Community Organization announcements/ comments:

- c. We are always looking for people or groups that would like to address the community at one of our meetings on topics that are related to the development of our Main Street.
 - i. 7:55 – RIA Main Street Manager Crystal Micriotti makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mary Molinaro seconds, the motion passes unanimously, and the meeting is adjourned at 7:55pm.

Volunteering Your Time

Volunteers form the backbone of our communities. They set the tone for our culture. Volunteering brings help and guidance to recipients and great satisfaction to the givers. It builds friendships, creates confidence and promotes natural leadership.

Thank you for attending tonight’s meeting

2026 Meeting Dates

General Meetings with any Scheduled Speakers – Trinity Lutheran Church Life Center 7:00 PM	Board Meetings – RIA Visitor Center 6:00 PM
2026 • Jan 28 ○ Annual Business Meeting • Feb 25 ○ MDOT - Claudine Myers • Mar 25 ○ • Apr 22 ○ • May 27 ○ RIA Open House • Jun 24 ○ • Jul 22 ○ BGE Project Outreach – Naomi Brown • Aug 26 ○ The District 10 Unity Team • Sep 23 ○ • Oct 28 ○ • Nov 18 (3rd week) ○	2026 • Jan 7 • Mar 4 • May 6 • Jul 8 (2nd Wednesday) • Sep 2 • Nov 4 • Dec 2 (If needed)

Main Street Manager Report- General Meeting AUGUST 2026

- **Music on Main-** It's a wrap for the summer 2026 concert series. Thank you to everyone who helps us put on this production, from vendors to volunteers and all the people on the lawn. We can't do this every year without you. Thanks for a great season!
- The **Farmers Market** takes place Sundays, 9am-1pm. Last week's market hosted Youth Entrepreneur Day, and we had over 740 visitors and 20 youth tables set up. What a day! September is the last month of the market this year, so make sure you follow the socials or our calendar for updates and events.
- Also every week at the market is our **Kids Corner hosted by Studios at 234. Stop by the table and have your little one make a take home craft.** An artist from the studio also hosts a series of kid's workshops offering **free and fun** opportunities for children to explore their creativity and create their own unique projects to take home. Check out the schedule on the calendar for these free events Located at The Studios at 234, Reisterstown Main Street.
- **Hobby Hangout** - Bring your favorite hobby, creative project, or craft and spend time making alongside others and SNACKS! Drop in and hang out. Hannah Perlow will be the lead and help with any projects. At the Studios at 234 the second Wednesdays of each month. The next session is on **Sept. 9th**
- **Main Street Cleanup-** Saturday, **Sept 5th.** Meet in the Reter's Parking lot at 9am, to help the Clean Safe & Green Committee clean up our Main Street.
- **Franklin Woodland Trails Revitalization Day** is the following Saturday on **September 12th.** Meet at the trailhead behind the library at 9am.
- **Community Business Meeting-** The September meeting will have guest speakers: **Tim Hurlburt** from Black Forest Protection Service & **Jeanne Andrews** with the Franklin Woodland Trails. Held at Reter's- **Sept. 8th** at 10am.
- The newest recipient of our **2026 Volunteer Appreciation Award** is Jonathan Young. Despite being one of our youngest volunteers, Jonathan has consistently given his time and energy for years, spending countless summer days helping with concerts, farmers markets, and community events. His positive attitude, strong work ethic, and willingness to help wherever needed exemplify the spirit of volunteerism. We are proud to recognize his contributions and grateful to have him in our community. Jonathan was presented his certificate during intermission at a MOMS concert- while in the middle of volunteering.

- **The 39th Annual Reisterstown Festival-** Sept 12th-13th. Like always, the parade along Main Street starts **Saturday at 9am followed by the** festival at Hannah More 11am - 10pm, with the fireworks starting at dusk. Then the festival continues on **Sunday from 11:30am - 5pm.** Stop by our table and say hi while you're walking around!

Stay Cool.